

## **COVID-19 SAFETY GUIDELINES**

Whenever Cornerstone Neighbourhood Church gathers for worship services, the following safety considerations must be met. Our Leadership Team believes it is important to consider the following guidelines given by provincial health authorities.

As School District 42 renters, Cornerstone must follow the [SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR K-12](#) and the Provincial Health Orders for [GATHERING & EVENTS](#). We are only permitted in areas of the facility identified in the rental.

- **Attendance**

The number of people in the worship service must remain under 50 (or 10% of capacity) with up to 4 event attendants in compliance with Provincial Health Orders for [INSIDE WORSHIP SERVICES](#). Participants will be asked to RSVP to indicate that they will attend. For contact tracing purposes, a list of names and phone numbers of all participants, along with the dates and hours they were present in the facility will be kept. As SD 42 facility users CNC will participate in contact tracing with Public Health if they are identified as a confirmed case and notify Public Health if we were in the facility, so the district can take extra precautions to keep staff and students safe.

- **Interactions**

Social distancing remains an important way of limiting the spread of COVID-19 so you will be asked to refrain from shaking hands, hugging, and lingering too close. Seating will provide for distance between households. Face coverings must be worn (see Inside Worship Services link for exceptions).

- **Singing**

We will refrain from corporate singing at this time. Musicians must maintain a 2-metre distance from the congregation. We will continue to assess congregational singing as further health orders are issued.

- **Cleaning**

Hand sanitizer will be available for anyone entering the service. In addition, aerosolized [VITAL OXIDE](#) will be used to disinfect surfaces. Naturally, we are asking each attendee to practice good hygiene, including regular hand washing, avoiding touching your face, and covering coughs or sneezes. The school custodian will be on site for the entire duration and we will assess the enhanced cleaning afterwards.

- **Food**

When coffee and goodies are served, they will be only distributed by a designated person who has properly washed their hands and is wearing a mask. This will also be the case when communion is served. Buffet or pot-luck style meals will be avoided at this time.

- **Assessment**

Worship service participants must assess their health before attending. Anyone who has travelled outside Canada in the last 14 days or has been in close contact with a person who has a confirmed case of COVID-19 must stay home and self-isolate. Please stay at home if you have any cold or flu symptoms, including coughing, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, and fatigue. The sermon presented at the in-person gathering will also be available on our website and YouTube channel.

- **Children**

Before attending children's programming parents must assess the health of their child. Please refer to the [SD42 DAILY HEALTH CHECK](#). Volunteers teaching or assisting the class will be asked to wear a mask during the time in which they are interacting with the children. Cleaning the classroom will take place before and after sessions, making sure to only use nonporous toys that can be disinfected with ease. All children will be given an assigned pencil box with the needed items for the session to prevent the sharing of supplies and subsequently the sharing of germs. Social distancing will be implemented where possible.

- **Homes**

In our Home Group ministry, we will be following provincial health office guidelines for gatherings in private homes. Currently, up to 50 people can gather in the backyard of a residence. Up to 5 visitors or 1 other household can visit inside a personal residence.

- **Exposure**

In the event that someone in attendance at a Cornerstone worship service has been exposed to COVID-19 the following steps will be followed.

1. *The person who has been exposed must self-isolate for at least 14 days and not attend in-person worship services.*
2. *Should that person test positive for COVID-19, they must inform a member of the Leadership Team.*
3. *The Leadership Team will direct a representative of CNC to inform Fraser Health and seek guidance on next steps. The Senior Pastor to inform those in attendance at the same service as the infected person.*
4. *If advised by Fraser Health, in-person services may be paused for a week or two.*